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## 2026 DOGS AUSTRALIA AGILITY NATIONALS NSW STATE SENIOR & JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

The DOGS NSW Agility Committee is excited to announce the Senior and Junior Teams selection criteria. Successful teams will represent NSW in the **2026 National Agility Team Events** in Queensland.

### SENIOR TEAM SELECTION

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1. Handlers must be a financial member of DOGS NSW and reside within New South Wales.
2. Handlers **MUST** nominate on the approved form of their intention to compete in the NSW Team Selection Round and this form is to be submitted to DOGS NSW Agility Committee by the close of nomination date.
3. Titles: Dogs must have attained (and applied for) both ADX and JDX titles.
4. Handler-dog teams must compete in **3 rounds of ADM & JDM classes** at the nominated trial (except if judging or bitch is in season or whelping – see note).
5. NSW State Team will comprise five handler-dog teams plus one reserve team. The DOGS NSW Agility Committee will select one WILD Card entry from the 2025 DOGS NSW Dog of the Year Finals – this will be the best combined scores for both Agility & Jumping.
6. Team positions will be determined by: 1) Qualifying rounds; 2) Disqualification average; 3) Fault average; after eligibility check.

### JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION

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1. Handlers and/or their parent/guardian must be a financial member of DOGS NSW and reside within New South Wales.
2. Handlers **MUST** nominate on the approved form of their intention to compete in the NSW Team Selection Round and this form is to be submitted to DOGS NSW Agility Committee by the close of nomination date.
3. Titles: Dogs must have attained (or be 1x pass from attaining) both AD and JD titles.
4. Handler-dog teams must compete in **1 round of Agility & Jumping class** at the nominated trial (except if judging or bitch is in season or whelping – see note).
5. Handlers are to be aged a minimum of 7 years and under 18 as at 23 June 2026 – 28 June 2026 inclusive. eg: A 17 year old is eligible as long as they don't turn 18 until after 28 June 2026.
6. NSW Junior State Team will comprise two handler-dog teams plus one reserve team.
7. Scoring and Team positions will be as per the Senior Team selection process.

### SELECTION TRIAL

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**THERE WILL BE 3 x SELECTION TRIALS HELD OVER 2 DAYS.**

Saturday 28 February & Sunday 1 March 2026 – DOGS NSW Agility Committee Trial to be held on the DOGS NSW Grounds  
Saturday will consist of 1 x round of jumping and agility followed by an additional 2 x rounds of jumping & agility on Sunday.

**Note to Judges:** If you are unable to compete at the team selection trial due to judging commitments, please email the Agility Committee in advance with an alternate trial where you will compete in ADM and JDM classes. 29 March 2026 is the latest trial allowed.

**Note for Bitches in season or whelping:** If your bitch is unable to complete in the selection trial due to your bitch being in season or whelping, please email the Agility Committee in advance with an alternate trial where you will compete in ADM and JDM classes. 29 March 2026 is the latest trial allowed.

**Note:** Handlers may nominate multiple dogs that met the eligibility criteria. If successful, the handler can fill multiple positions on the team with different dogs.

### CLOSING DATE

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**NOMINATION FORMS FOR BOTH SENIOR AND JUNIOR TEAMS CLOSE FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2026.  
NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**